

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Thomas SMITH	Confirmation No.:	9056
Application No.:	10/538,589	Art Unit:	1618
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Title:	COATED PARTICLES FOR SUSTAINED-RELEASE PHARMACEUTICAL ADMINISTRATION		

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated September 25, 2009. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is filed herewith. Please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following:

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The **Conclusion** is on page 22.